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1. On about 20 October 1953 DIA Feinmechanik und Optik, Berlin, opened a branch office (Aussonstelle) in Jena for the exclusive purpose of taking over the sale to foreign countries of products from VEB Carl Zeiss, Jena. The DIA Jena branch is located in the former Reichsbank building at Schillerstrasse, in the vicinity of the Zeiss firm. This DIA branch will in the future handle all Zeiss sales to Communist bloc countries, including Russia and China, to non-Communist countries.

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2. The DIA Jena branch is headed by Berger (fnu) (SED), a DIA official who has had an office in the Zeiss firm from where he directed Zeiss sales abroad. Directly under Berger are three offices:
 - a. Kontor VD (Sales Office for the Soviet bloc countries) headed by Starke (fnu) (NDPD).
 - b. Kontor KA (Sales Office for non-Communist countries) temporarily headed by Weigel (fnu) (SED). Weigel took over direction of the Zeiss Sales Office for non-Communist Countries
 - c. Kontor WW (Sales Office for West Currency Area, which is West Germany) headed by Stanke (fnu) (SED).

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In addition to the three above-mentioned offices, the DIA Jena branch has an office for fairs and exhibitions, headed by Otto Mueller (SED).

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3. The DIA Jena branch has a total crew of about 50. The majority of them are Zeiss employees; the other employees are from DIA Berlin. The Zeiss employees who were taken over by the DIA Jena branch are on temporary leave from the Zeiss firm for one year. They are paid by DIA.

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